Statement

Details regarding services provided to other countries

Sl. No.	Name of the Unit	Number of countries to which services provided	Amount earned
1.	Steel Authority of India Ltd.	35	Rrs. 2112.76 Crores (During the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto Dec., 2007)
2.	National Mineral Development Corporation	3	Rs. 1366.30 Crores -do-
3.	Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd.	1	Rs. 604.80 Crores -do-
4.	Sponge Iron India Ltd.	1	Rs. 2.72 Crores -do-
5.	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd.	26	Rs. 799.68 Crores (During the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto January, 2008)
6.	MSTC Ltd.	1	Rs. 1.50 Crores For the year 2007-08 (upto Jan., 2008)
7.	MECON Ltd.	12	Rs. 1.80 Crores (during last three years).

Control on prices of steel

931. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Steel Alliance (ISA) has requested Government to ensure that steel producers get iron ore at competitive price to keep steel prices under check;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions of ISA and the action taken by Government on these suggestions;

(c) whether predictions for long terms prices of iron ore is not very favourable; and

(d) if so, steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) and (b) The Indian Steel Alliance (ISA) has requested the Government to initiate steps for conservation of iron ore in the country for the long term benefit of the domestic steel industry. The suggestions given by ISA *inter-alia* include imposition of ceiling and export cess on export of iron ore. The Government has already taken necessary steps in imposing export duty on iron ore at the rate of Rs. 300 per tonne on iron ore lumps and Rs. 300 per tonne on iron ore fines with more than 62% Fe content and Rs 50 per tonne on less than 62% Fe content.

(c) and (d) The Growth in demand for steel has seen an up-trend in the spot prices of iron ore during the last one year and the trend is likely to continue, concurrent with the growth in demand for steel, Since the iron ore is a freely tradable commodity its prices are determined

by the market depending upon the demand and supply situation. However, Government has imposed an export duty at the rate of Rs. 300 per tonne on export of all varieties iron ore lumps. Export duty has also been imposed at the rate of Rs. 300 per tonne on export of iron ore fines with more than 62% Fe content and at the rate Rs. 50 per tonne on export of iron ore fines with less than 62% Fe content.

12.00 NOON

[MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of Ministry of Power

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under section 179 of the Electricity Act, 2003, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Power:

(1) No. L-7/25(5)/2003-CERC, dated the 31st December, 2007, publishing the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2007.

(2) No. L-7/106(122)-CERC 2007, dated the 31st December, 2007, publishing the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Sharing of revenue derived from utilization of transmission assets for other business) Regulations, 2007.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8256/08]

I. Report and Accounts (2006-07) of MECL, Nagpur and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (2006-07) of Nalco, Bhubaneswar and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts (2006-07) of BGML, Kolar and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:

(a) Thirty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL), Nagpur, for the year 2006-07, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8174/08]

II. (a) Twenty-Sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), Bhubaneswar, for the year 2006-07, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company

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